

**MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014
7:10 P.M.**

President J. Finnerty opened the Regular Meeting at 7:10 P.M. with the following members present: Vice President R. Gross; Councilmembers, F. O'Boyle; D. Casole; K. Davis and, W. Jabara. Solicitor J. Fareri and Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan were also present.

Councilmember C. Williams was absent.

Mayor F. Courtright arrived at 7:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember F. O'Boyle moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 7, 2014, as presented. Vice President R. Gross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT

President J. Finnerty thanked Vice President R. Gross and Mayor F. Courtright regarding dealing with the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department issues that have been ongoing over the past few months in a business-like manner. He stated that he realizes that there have been a lot of meetings and a lot of work that is being on this committee.

MAYOR

No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following cash report was given as follows:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 833,086.10
PENN SECURITY GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	20,712.71
CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT	48,433.11
BANNER BEAUTIFICATION ACCOUNT	1,957.37
STATE LIQUID FUELS	63,282.50
PARK & RECREATION FUND	10,670.83
PLANNING COMMISSION REIMB. FUND	52,067.68
ROAD FUND – GENERAL FUND	96,932.17
STORMWATER FUND	132,637.58
GENERAL FUND RESERVE PLGIT ACCOUNT	41,382.87
SANITATION FUND	17,047.00
ROUTE 940 CORRIDOR FUND	53,675.00
FIVE POINT INTERSECTION FUND	<u>326,593.48</u>

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 1,698,478.40**

Vice President R. Gross moved to pay and approve the bills as outlined in the Treasurer's Report dated Monday, August 4, 2014, as presented. Councilmember K. Davis seconded. Vice President R. Gross questioned the delinquent taxes that

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were being paid to the Library, Fire Co & EMS. Councilmember O'Boyle discussed the bill to CPC Signs and also the Knob Crest Real Estate tax reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

American Casualty Services	(workers comp down payment.)	\$ 2,430.22
ACE Hardware	(small tools/ supplies)	135.40
Blue Cross of NEPA	(health insurance)	8,080.54
Blue Ridge Cable	(phones)	240.01
Boston Mutual	(life/ disability insurance)	234.15
CPC Signs	(street signs)	2,782.48
H. Clark Connor	(August retainer PC Solicitor)	500.00
Cramer's	(treated post)	28.49
Eagle Signs	(truck numbers & letters)	50.00
Eureka Stone Quarry	(hot patch)	205.32
Five Star Equipment	(service Case 580)	392.25
First National Bank	(new flags, domain, barricades)	271.61
G & K Services	(uniforms/ rug service)	234.40
Gleco Paint	(road paint (white))	410.96
Gotta Go Potties	(1 month)	170.00
Knob Crest & Pocono Square	(reimb. Of RE Taxes per re-assessment)	14,780.59
Locust Ridge Quarry	(hot top)	999.86
NAPA Auto parts	(vehicle parts)	16.16
PPL	(electric)	855.16
Panko Reporting	(ZHB: Pula Court Steno)	135.00
PA American Water Co.	(Boro bldg./ maint. Garage)	707.93
PA Paper & Supply	("c" fold paper towels)	143.83
PARC	(May & July 2014 Contribution)	5,994.00
Payrolls Unlimited	(payroll service)	80.00
PM Regional Police	(mortgage)	3,010.44
PM Regional Police	(3 rd Quarter)	159,733.69
PM Volunteer Fire Co.	(Delinq. Taxes rec'd 2 nd Qtr.)	864.95
PM Public Library	(Delinq. Taxes rec'd 2 nd Qtr.)	864.95
PM Regional EMS	(Delinq. Taxes rec'd 2 nd Qtr.)	432.48
Quill	(paper & envelopes)	128.17
Response Computers	(email set up)	140.00
RKR Hess Associates	(Septic tank replacement)	223.43
Selective Insurance	(insurances)	2,111.00
STTC	(tires case loader)	563.98
Sherwin Williams	(blue paint)	5.93
Sunoco (COSTARS)	(GAS/ DIESEL)	717.28
Titan Signs (formerly Reliable Sign)	(brackets/ posts, bolts, nuts, etc.)	1,191.00
Tulpehocken Spring Water	(1 month)	10.00
US Bank	(copier)	317.06
United Concordia	(dental)	386.90
Verizon	(phone)	45.96
Verizon Wireless	(cell phones)	127.50
Wal-Mart	(weed killer)	<u>35.17</u>
GRAND TOTAL		<u>\$ 210,788.25</u>

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BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 07/09/14)	\$5,106.67
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 7/16/14)	5,204.33
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 07/23/14)	5,189.31
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 07/30/14)	<u>5,196.83</u>

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 20,697.14**

BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE STATE LIQUID FUELS ACCOUNT:

PPL	(electric)	<u>\$ 2,033.99</u>
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SOLICITOR

Solicitor J. Fareri stated that the Zoning Hearing Board's decision on the Pula Crematory has been appealed. He noted that the next item to be done would be for Borough Council to authorize him to answer the Pula appeal.

Councilmember W. Jabara moved to authorize Solicitor J. Fareri to answer the Pula appeal. Vice President R. Gross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Callahan House on Winona Road

There was discussion regarding the Callahan house which has been vacant for more than fifteen (15) years on Winona Road and is in very poor condition. It was noted by Solicitor J. Fareri after discussing this with Zoning Officer J. Brady he could commence with legal action to adjoin a nuisance should Borough Council wish to do so.

Vice President R. Gross moved to authorize Solicitor J. Fareri to commence legal action to adjoin a nuisance on the Callahan house on Winona Road. Councilmember K. Davis seconded. There was a lengthy discussion amongst Borough Council and the public in attendance regarding a number of houses that may meet the same criteria. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Michelle Peck, 34 Summit Drive

Ms. Peck was present along with her neighbor Agnes Danch of 32 Summit Drive regarding the drainage problem on Summit Drive which is coming from SR 940.

There was discussion explaining that the water problems are being stemmed by the Hirshland property on SR 940 and once he begins building his commercial property, one item that he must take care of is the water problems and there was discussion regarding these problems.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hirshland Petition to Amend Zoning Ordinance Text

Solicitor J. Fareri advised Borough Council that it does not have to hold a Public Hearing on this matter as it is not as our Zoning Ordinance is not unconstitutional however Borough Council could hold a Public Hearing and consider his request.

There was discussion regarding the recent review of his request by the Borough's Planning Commission and its recommendation passed over to Borough Council was to deny the request.

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In view of that Vice President R. Gross moved to deny the request to hold a Public Hearing on Mr. Hirshland's request to amend the Borough's Sign Ordinance Text within our Zoning Ordinance. Councilmember K. Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lowe's Bond/ UGI

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan noted that she has contacted Dave Koerner with Lowe's regarding the bond and forwarded some information, comments and few issues for his review prior to the bond expiring. She also requested that he advise whether or not the deed of dedication for Industrial Park Drive was ever signed. She has not heard back from him.

In regards to the UGI Councilmember W. Jabara stated that he discussed the depth of the gas line pipe. He stated that the state's regulations states three (3) feet deep and the Borough's regulations states four (4) feet deep and that Borough Council may wish to consider allowing UGI to put the pipe over the stormwater drain.

NEW BUSINESS

Eastern Time – Fire Alarm Upgrade/ Monitoring Quote

Borough Council was in receipt of a quote for monitoring the Borough's fire alarm at annual cost of \$310.00 and was in receipt of a quote to install a new dialer on our fire alarm so that it can be monitored.

Councilman W. Jabara moved to approve both the quotes for the monitoring at a cost of \$310.00 per year and the installation of a new dialer at cost of \$715.00. Councilmember K. Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MPMA Ordinance of Incorporation

Vice President R. Gross moved to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise the Ordinance regarding the Articles of Incorporation for the Mount Pocono Municipal Authority. Councilmember D. Casole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Pocono Area Recreation Commission (PARC)

Solicitor J. Fareri suggested that Borough Council allow him time to talk to the other Solicitors that represent Barrett Township and Paradise Township. He stated that he attempted to do that prior to tonight's meeting however he was not able to talk with them.

Borough Council agreed that Solicitor J. Fareri should have discussions with the Solicitors from Barrett and Paradise Townships and advise Borough Council of any progress and information he obtains.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Planning

Councilmember D. Casole stated that at the last Planning Commission meeting the Monroe County Planning Commission Planner, Eric Koopman was in attendance and reviewed the Monroe County 2030 Plan. Councilmember D. Casole gave a report on the items that were discussed at the last Planning Commission meeting in regards to Hirshland's request for a Public Hearing to amend the Borough's Sign Ordinance Text of the Borough Zoning Ordinance.

Stormwater

Reviewed earlier.

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Utilities

Vice President R. Gross noted that DEP approval on the Act 537 Plan is in the thirty (30) day comment period.

Councilmember F. O'Boyle discussed that lightening hit the well pumps and motors a few weeks ago. However they are now back in service after being out of service for approximately two (2) weeks.

Water

No updates at this time.

Streets

Councilmember K. Davis presented the COG awarded bids as follows: for de-icing salt and de-icing salt with liquid magnesium went to Cargill; anti-skid was awarded to Hansen Aggregates; and the line painting was awarded to Interstate Road Management.

Councilmember K. Davis moved to accept the COG bids for de-icing salt, anti-skid and line painting. Councilmember F. O'Boyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember W. Jabara noted that he looked into the cost to do some upgrade paving work on the cul-de-sacs in Pine Hill, such as the cul-de-sac on Candlewood and that it would be in excess of \$1,500.00 and it would be a temporary fix. He stated that he would discuss this further at a future meeting.

Sanitation

Councilmember F. O'Boyle moved to authorize the Borough Secretary/ Treasurer to advertise the sanitation bids subject the committee's approval. Vice President R. Gross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Buildings

Vice President R. Gross discussed possibly applying for a LSA Grant for a new roof.

Budget and Finance

Mayor F. Courtright reviewed the budget report that was in everybody's packet.

Councilmember F. O'Boyle discussed a grant that was received for the Belmont Knoll Senior Housing Project and that once their mortgage is paid the Borough is to receive a refund of that grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 plus interest. He noted that there should be a notation of this in the Borough's audit report and that the paperwork for this should be obtained if possible.

Recreation

Councilmember K. Davis noted that at last week's meeting they discussed upgrades to the Deerfield Park. They also discussed possibility of trying to obtain the playground equipment from Barrett Elementary Center. It was noted that mulch is needed for the playground behind the Borough building and it was requested that the concession stand be painted. There was also a mention that the pavilions need to have a clear coat put on them as this was never done.

Personnel

It was agreed that the Personnel Committee will meet in the next few weeks to present the recently revised Personnel Policy to the employees.

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Regional Police

Vice President R. Gross noted that the next meeting will be held at Tobyhanna Township, on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at 7:00 P.M, due to the mold problem remediation being done at the Regional Police Headquarters.

Mayor F. Courtright noted that Chief Harry Lewis' last day will be this Friday, August 8th, and that at last month's meeting the Commission appointed Wagner as the Interim Chief.

Regional EMS

Mayor F. Courtright stated that a sub-committee was formed to work on grants and he noted that he will be working on this committee along with Joyce Onsted.

COG

It was noted that the next COG meeting will be the COG picnic being held on August 25th at Tobyhanna Township's Blanch Price Memorial Park.

Open Space

No report.

PARC

Previously reported.

Five Points Intersection/ Traffic

No new news.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dr. Gregory Pence, Pocono Boulevard, noted that he attended a meeting in March and discussed with Borough Council about looking into the possibility of the Borough taking over the snow removal from the sidewalks. He asked if there was any progress on this request.

President J. Finnerty stated that this is something that will be discussed at budget time.

Alice Makla, Knob Road, discussed that the lookout is no longer a lookout as it is all overgrown. She also requested that the paint she supplied the Borough be given back so that she can hire someone to paint over the graffiti on the rocks.

Ron Terbovich, 45 Holly Forest Road, discussed the weeds at Pine Hill Road and SR 196 need to be cut and also that lower Mountain Drive is all cracked and needs to be looked at to and be scheduled for repaving.

Alice Makla, Knob Road, once again she noted that the last fire hydrant on Knob Road has never been bled.

Kevin Kirkwood, Fairview Avenue, discussed the water situation with the Kalahari project and where they're getting their water and stated that he is concerned about the situation especially if there is an extreme drought.

Councilmember K. Davis discussed looking into grant money for the Knob Overlook to upgrade facilities at that site.

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan noted that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd, the day after Labor Day, at 7:00 P.M.

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There being no further business or any further public participation coming before the Board, Vice President R. Gross moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Councilmember K. Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Noonan, Borough Secretary